

## CLAIMS:

1. A method for adjusting the fibrous properties of pulp to a preselected level, c h a r a c t e -  
r i z e d in that in the manufacture of the pulp, a wood material is used, which is classi-  
5 fied by log or group of logs according to the number of annual rings into categories that  
represent a certain fibre dimension property.
2. A method according to claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the wood material is classi-  
fied in connection with felling the wood or in a plant or at some stage of the chain between  
the stub and pulping, the stub and grinding or a (C)TMP refiner.
- 10 3. A method according to claim 1 or 2, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the wood material is  
classified mechanically.
4. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the  
wood material originates in a tree that has a periodic growth habit.
5. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the  
15 wood material is softwood.
6. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the  
wood material is hardwood.
7. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the  
fibre dimension property refers to the fibre length or the fibre coarseness.
- 20 8. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the  
wood material is classified according to the number of annual rings into different catego-  
ries, the number of which is 2 to 60, preferably 2 to 6.
9. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the  
wood material is classified by log or group of logs according to the number of annual  
25 rings, for example, into the following categories: less than 20 annual rings, 21 to 30 annual  
rings, 31 to 40 annual rings, over 40 annual rings.
10. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that  
the wood material is classified by log or group of logs according to the number of annual  
rings, for example, into the following categories: less than 10 annual rings, less than 20  
30 annual rings, less than 30 annual rings, less than 40 annual rings, less than 50 annual rings  
and over 50 annual rings.

11. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the wood material is classified by log or group of logs according to the number of annual rings into various categories, and the desired fibre dimension property, such as the fibre length, is obtained by selecting the wood material separately from a certain category or by fully or partly combining wood materials obtained from various categories.
12. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the method can be used to manufacture mechanical, chemical or chemi-mechanical pulp.
13. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that in case of softwood, to obtain a fibre length (the mean value weighted by the length) of less than 2.0 mm, a wood material is selected, wherein the number of the log's annual rings at the butt of the log is less than 20 annual rings.
14. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that in case of softwood, to obtain a fibre length (the mean value weighted by the length) of 2.0...2.3, a wood material is selected, wherein the number of the log's annual rings at the butt of the log is 21 to 30 annual rings.
15. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that in case of softwood, to obtain a fibre length (the mean value weighted by the length) of 2.3...2.5, a wood material is selected, wherein the number of the log's annual rings at the butt of the log is 31 to 40 annual rings.
16. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that in case of softwood, to obtain a fibre length (the mean value weighted by the length) of 2.5...3.5, a wood material is selected, wherein the number of the log's annual rings at the butt of the log is over 40 annual rings.
17. A method for manufacturing pulp that has preselected fibre dimension properties, characterized in that
- wood with a periodic growth habit is used as wood material,
  - the wood material is classified by log or group of logs according to the number of annual rings into categories, which represent a certain fibre dimension, such as the fibre length and/or the coarseness,

- the raw material is selected separately from a certain category or by combining the raw materials of the various categories partly or fully so that the preselected fibre dimension properties are achieved, and
- mechanical, chemical or chemi-mechanical pulp is manufactured of the wood material.

18. A method for manufacturing a fibrous product that has preselected fibre dimension properties, characterized in that

- annual ring categories of the wood material are determined by logs or groups of logs according to the number of annual rings, representing a certain fibre dimension,
- the wood material is selected from a category of annual rings that provides the preselected fibre dimension properties,
- mechanical, chemical or chemi-mechanical pulp is manufactured from the wood material, and
- the fibre product is made of the pulp.